

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2361–S2417*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1064–1085, S.J. Res. 12–13, and S. Res. 148–151.

**Pages S2400–01**

#### Measures Reported:

Report to accompany H.R. 203, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct of annual evaluations of mental health care and suicide prevention programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to require a pilot program on loan repayment for psychiatrists who agree to serve in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs. (S. Rept. No. 114–34)

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#### Measures Passed:

*Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 21, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

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*Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds:* Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 25, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

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*Authorizing Use of Emancipation Hall:* Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 3, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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*Hubble Space Telescope:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 149, recognizing the importance and inspiration of the Hubble Space Telescope.

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*Civic and Government Education Programs:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 150, expressing the sense of the Senate about the importance of effective civic and government education programs in schools in the United States.

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*National Safe Digging Month:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 151, supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S2371–72, S2381–89**

Pending:

Corker/Cardin Amendment No. 1140, in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, Senator Corker be recognized to offer an amendment to the pending substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 27, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill.

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**Newman Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5 p.m., on Monday, April 27, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Dava J. Newman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or

yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motion be in order.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 165), Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 66 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 164), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Messages from the House:** Page S2398

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—165) Pages S2371, H2378

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:48 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2417.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Sylvia Burwell, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met to consider matters related to markup of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on building on the successes of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to deliver safe, efficient, and effective public transportation services and projects, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Melaniphy, American Public Transportation Association, Janet Kavinoky, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Harry Lombardo, Transport Workers Union of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Barbara K. Cline, Community Transportation Association of America, Spearfish, South Dakota.

### FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on airport issues and infrastructure financing, after receiving testimony from Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Sharon Pinkerton, Airlines for America, and Michael J. Minerva, American Airlines, both of Washington, D.C.; Todd Hauptli, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia; and Mark M. Reis, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle, Washington.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* On Wednesday, April 22, 2015, Committee ordered favorably reported:

S. 995, to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, with amendments;

An original bill relating to extension of the trade adjustment assistance program, and amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for health insurance costs of certain eligible individuals;

An original bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti; and

An original bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities.

## IMPACT OF THE MEDICAL DEVICE TAX ON JOBS

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the medical device tax on jobs, innovation, and patients, after receiving testimony from Bruce A. Heugel, BBraun of America, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Quinton J. Farrar, West Surry Strategies, LLC, Keene, New Hampshire; Alyra Donisvitch, Manchester, Maine; and Mark Judge, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, Brodi L. Fontenot, of Louisiana, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, and Rafael J. Lopez, of California, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

## AFRICA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), after receiving testimony from Thomas H. Hart, ONE Campaign, Scott Eisner, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Walker A. Williams, Leadership Africa USA, and Cathy Feingold, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; and William McRaith, PVH Corp., New York, New York.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Kara Farnandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Roseann A. Ketchmark, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

## CENTRAL AMERICAN MINORS REFUGEE/PAROLE PROGRAM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's Central American minors refugee/parole program, after receiving testimony from Joseph Langlois, Associate Director, Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Di-

rectorate, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; Simon Henshaw, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; Doris Meissner, Migration Policy Institute, Igor V. Timofeyev, former Director of Immigration Policy and Special Advisor for Refugee and Asylum Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, Paul Hastings, Anastasia Brown, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services, Jessica M. Vaughan, Center for Immigration Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jan C. Ting, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 552, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control;

S. 957, to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs;

S. 958, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 966, to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 967, to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 999, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1000, to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1001, to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 47 public bills, H.R. 1981–2027; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 47; H. Con. Res. 41; and H. Res. 220–221, were introduced. **Pages H2462–65**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2466–67**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 172, to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 114–89); and

H.R. 1690, to designate the United States courthouse located at 700 Grant Street in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the “Joseph F. Weis Jr. United States Courthouse” (Rept. 114–90). **Page H2462**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Woodall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2421**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Terry Ribble, Grace Bible Church, Dunmore, Pennsylvania. **Page H2421**

**National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 1731, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance multi-directional sharing of information related to cybersecurity risks and strengthen privacy and civil liberties protections, by a recorded vote of 355 ayes to 63 noes, Roll No. 173.

**Pages H2423–26, H2426–46**

Pursuant to the Rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–12 shall be considered as read. **Page H2428**

Rejected the Israel motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 172. **Pages H2443–44**

Agreed to:

McCaul amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–88) that makes technical corrections and further clarifies the provisions of the bill;

**Pages H2433–34**

Ratcliffe amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–88) that amends Section 226 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 by refining the definition of cyber “incident” to explicitly restrict infor-

mation sharing to incidents that are directly related to protecting information systems; **Page H2434**

Langevin amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–88) that clarifies that the term “cybersecurity risk” does not apply to actions solely involving violations of consumer terms of service or consumer licensing agreements; **Pages H2434–35**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–88) that ensures that federal agencies supporting cybersecurity efforts of private sector entities remain current on innovation, industry adoption of new technologies, and industry best practices as they relate to industrial control systems;

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Castro amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–88) that makes self-assessment tools available to small and medium-sized businesses to determine their level of cybersecurity readiness;

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Castro amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–88) that codifies the establishment of the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (NCPC) made up of university partners and other stakeholders who proactively coordinate to assist state and local officials in cyber security preparation and prevention of cyber attacks; **Pages H2437–38**

Hurd amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–88) that authorizes the existing Einstein 3A (E3A) program; **Pages H2438–39**

Mulvaney amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–88) that sunsets the provisions of the bill after 7 years; **Pages H2439–40**

Hahn amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–88) that directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit a report to Congress containing assessments of risks and shortfalls along with recommendations regarding cybersecurity at most at risk ports; **Pages H2440–41**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–88) that requires a report to Congress on the best means for aligning federally funded cybersecurity research and development with private sector efforts to protect privacy and civil liberties while assuring security and resilience of the Nation’s critical infrastructure; and **Page H2442**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–88) that provides for a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report to Congress 5 years after enactment to assess the impact of this act on privacy and civil liberties (by a recorded vote of 405 ayes to 8 noes, Roll No. 171).

**Pages H2441–42, H2442–43**

H. Res. 212, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1560) and (H.R. 1731) was agreed to yesterday, April 22nd.

Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 212, in the engrossment of H.R. 1560 the Clerk shall: (1) add the text of H.R. 1731, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 1560; (2) conform the title of H.R. 1560 to reflect the addition of H.R. 1731, as passed by the House, to the engrossment; (3) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (4) conform cross-references and provisions for short titles within the engrossment. Upon the addition of the text of H.R. 1731, as passed by the House, to the engrossment of H.R. 1560, H.R. 1731 shall be laid on the table.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 27th. **Page H2448**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Tuesday, April 28, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29. **Page H2448**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today and appears on page H2426.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 178 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2442–43, H2444–45, and H2445–46. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Customs and Border Protection budget. Testimony was heard from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Federal Emergency Management Agency budget. Testimony was heard from W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

### APPROPRIATIONS—PROGRAMS SUPPORTING NATIVE AMERICANS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a

hearing on Programs Supporting Native Americans budget. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a markup on appropriations bill, FY 2016. The Legislative Branch appropriations bill for FY 2016 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”. H.R. 1735 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”. H.R. 1735 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”. H.R. 1735 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”. H.R. 1735 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

### PROTECTING AMERICA’S WORKERS: AN ENFORCEMENT UPDATE FROM THE MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Protecting America’s Workers: An Enforcement Update from the Mine Safety and Health Administration”. Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Main, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health, Department of Labor.

### TITLE II: 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Title II: 21st Century Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMBATTING THE OPIOID ABUSE EPIDEMIC: PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Combatting the Opioid Abuse Epidemic: Professional and Academic Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EXAMINING REGULATORY BURDENS—REGULATOR PERSPECTIVE

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining Regulatory Burdens—Regulator Perspective”. Testimony was heard from Doreen Eberley, Director, Division of Risk Management Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Maryann Hunter, Deputy Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Federal Reserve Board; Toney Bland, Senior Deputy Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of Currency; Larry Fazio, Director, Office of Examination and Insurance, National Credit Union Administration; David Silberman, Associate Director, Office of Research, Markets and Regulations, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and a public witness.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 237, the “FTO Passport Revocation Act of 2015”; H.R. 500, the “Survivors of Human Trafficking Empowerment Act”; H.R. 907, the “United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015”; H.R. 1493, the “Protect and Preserve International Cultural Property Act”; H.R. 1567, the “Global Food Security Act of 2015”; H. Res. 50, calling for the release of Ukrainian fighter pilot Nadiya Savchenko, who was captured by Russian forces in Eastern Ukraine and has been held illegally in a Russian prison since July 2014; and H. Con. Res. 40, encouraging reunions of divided Korean American families. The following legislation was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 237, H.R. 500, H.R. 907, H.R. 1567, and H. Res. 50. The following legislation was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1493 and H. Con. Res. 40.

### THE U.S. REBALANCE IN EAST ASIA: BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FY 2016

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Rebalance in East Asia: Budget Priorities for FY 2016”. Testimony was heard from Daniel R. Russel, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Jonathan Stivers, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### THE DEVASTATING IMPACTS OF WILDLAND FIRES AND THE NEED TO BETTER MANAGE OUR OVERGROWN, FIRE-PRONE NATIONAL FORESTS

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “The Devastating Impacts of Wildland Fires and the Need to Better Manage our Overgrown, Fire-prone National Forests”. Andy Fecko, Administrator, Placer County Water Agency, Placer County, California; and public witnesses.

### HYDRAULIC FRACTURING: BANNING PROVEN TECHNOLOGIES ON POSSIBILITIES INSTEAD OF PROBABILITIES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hydraulic Fracturing: Banning Proven Technologies on Possibilities Instead of Probabilities”. Testimony was heard from Christi Craddick, Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas; and public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on draft legislation to improve reproductive treatment provided to certain disabled veterans; draft legislation to direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration; H.R. 1769, the “Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015”; H.R. 271, the “COVER Act”; H.R. 627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the definition of homeless veteran for purposes of benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 1369, the “Veterans Access to Extended Care Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1575, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program on counseling in retreat settings for women veterans newly separated from service in the Armed Forces. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bilirakis; Hahn; and Walorski; Rajiv Jain, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1891, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes; H.R. 1890, the “Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1892, to extend the trade adjustment assistance program, and for other purposes; H.R. 1907, to reauthorize trade

facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes. H.R. 1891 was ordered reported, without amendment. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1890, H.R. 1892, and H.R. 1907.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
BUDGETS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats held a hearing on Department of Energy and Department of Homeland Security budgets. This hearing was closed.

***Joint Meetings***

**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Armenian genocide and the ongoing quest for justice,

after receiving testimony from Taner Akcam, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts; Kenneth V. Hachikian, Armenian National Committee of America, and Van Z. Krikorian, Board of Trustees of the Armenian Assembly of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Elizabeth H. Prodromou, Tufts University Fletcher School, Medford, Massachusetts; and Karine Shnorhokian, Genocide Education Project, Teaneck, New Jersey.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
APRIL 24, 2015**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, April 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

8 p.m., Monday, April 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1191, Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act.

At 5 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Dava J. Newman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. At approximately 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** House will meet in pro forma session at 8 p.m.

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